Antiques featured at '84 Festival

The Historic Appomattox Railroad Day Festival will again feature an Antique Show and Sale. The show will be in the railroad depot building, on Saturday, October 13, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

This year there are thirteen dealers from surrounding counties and towns. They are planning a great show and have for your viewing pleasure and purchase, an excellent selection of quality antiques and collectibles. These include furniture, rugs and wall hangings ranging from primitive to formal, of the 18th thru the 20th century.

There will be a fine selection of silver and glassware, including individual pieces to complete place settings, beautiful cut-glass, crystal and art glass, as well as a good selection of depression wear. In addition, you can find collectibles of all types.

The craftsmanship, quality and exquisite nature of the articles for sale will revive memories of ancestral treasures and long-lost arts. Plan now to attend and support this show and sale to ensure its continuance in future years.

The deadline for entries in the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Parade will be on October 1, 1984 as announced by Dot Davidson today. If anyone is interested in participating please contact Dot or Beverly Davidson at 352-8742 after 6:00 p.m.

The Festival Board is sponsoring a dress contest and will award ribbons for first, second, and third place. The dress must have been made within the last year and not worn in any other contest.

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THE SECOND ANNUAL APPOMATTOX LIONS CLUB FALL BEEF FESTIVAL held at Paradise Lake Campground last Thursday was a smash success. A record crowd attended and enjoyed the food and fellowship. Lions Robert Pankey, Jim Smith, Franklin Vaughan and Bill Dudley are shown here preparing the beef before the festival. More photos from the festival may be found on page 13 inside. (Photo by Allen Austin)

Set for Nov. 6 vote

Supervisors examine zoning question here

By FRANCES ABBITT

To zone or not to zone is a question before Appomattox County citizens and they will have a chance to decide when they go to the polls on Nov. 6.

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors with the authorization from the Virginia General Assembly, has placed the question on the November ballot.

A "yes" vote would mandate the board of supervisors to adopt a zoning ordinance. A "no" vote would indicate the people do not want zoning in the county but the board would not be mandated by a negative vote. The board would still have the power to adopt a zoning ordinance if it believed zoning was in the best interest of the county.

"The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors had to go to a lot of trouble to bring the question of zoning to ballot," said William R. Britton, Special Projects Assistant to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors. "It even involved getting a law changed," he added.

The board reappointed Jenny Fratrick to the Advisory Council to Commission on Aging. Franklin Vaughan was reappointed to the Commission on Aging representing the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors.

Other appointments included Jim Nolen to Employment Advisory Task Force; Ms. Susan Bailey to Private Industry Council and Al Sears will fill the vacancy on the local Planning Commission created by the death of C. S. Booth.

Mrs. Frances Abbitt was appointed to the Central Virginia Health Planning Council.

Two of the original members of the Industrial Development Authority, Ben Marshall and Bill Dudley were reappointed. New members are: Herbert Fleshman, Monte Mays, Forrest Seargent, James Webb and Bruce Cowan.

Horace Coleman was appointed to the Central Virginia Transportation Council.

The cost of dog tags was set at $4.00 with a 20 dog kennel costing $25.00 and a 50 dog kennel $35.00.

In his report to the board of supervisors, Lloyd Walton, superintendant of the Appomattox County School Division, noted that the projected enrollment for this school year fell short of the 2450 students. Therefore, with an active enrollment of 2385, state funds will be below previous projections.

Walton added that student achievement; student conduct, in schools and on buses; parental involvement; instructional effectiveness and attendance will be stressed this year.

The problem of snarled traffic at the intersection of Triangle Plaza Shopping Center and 460, especially at given times during the day was discussed with T. E. Pittman, resident engineer with the Department of Highways. No solution was reached. The problem is still under study with the aim of finding a workable, reasonable solution.

"I can't see any solution at the present," commented Pittman. "The possibility of relocating the intersection would help but would mean a lot of money involved."

"I believe a traffic light would do more good than anything else," commented one board member.

Diener to appear at festival

Dr. Betty J. Diener, Secretary of Commerce and Resources, Commonwealth of Virginia, will be grand Marshall for the annual Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival Parade on Saturday, Oct. 13. The festival is planned for Saturday, Oct. 13 and Sunday, Oct. 14.

As Secretary of Commerce and Resources, Dr. Diener is a member of the Governor's Cabinet and is responsible for policy development and direction for 22 State agencies, 52 citizen boards and commissions, and a total budget of $941 million.

Her areas of responsibility include industrial development, environmental management, labor, employment services, housing and community development, historic attractions, travel and tourism, recreation, agriculture, and marine, forest, and mining resources.

Before becoming Secretary of Commerce and Resources, Dr. Diener was Dean of the School of Business Administration at Old Dominion University in Norfolk from 1979-1982.

She was selected as one of Glamour magazine's outstanding career women in 1979. Then in 1984, Glamour magazine selected her as one of ten outstanding working women of the last decade.

Dr. Diener received an MBA (1964) and a DBA (1974) from Harvard Business School, and was one of the first women to receive either degree from that school. Prior to returning from Harvard for her DBA, she worked in account management at Young and Rubicam advertising agency and in product management and new product development in the Consumer Products Division of American Cyanamid.

She has also been a member of the Board of Directors of Revco Drug Store and has been active as a consultant to companies in the toiletry, appliance, electronics, retailing, and construction industries.

Conduct, achievement discussed

Student achievement; student conduct on the school buses as well as in the schools, parent involvement, instructional effectiveness and attendance were points of emphasis as school board members, principals, and other school personnel discussed the coming year at last Thursday's meeting of the Appomattox County School Board.

Principals present at the meeting discussed ways to ensure effectiveness in the areas listed. Reports on the progress or lack of progress in each given school will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

With a total enrollment to date of 2385, the figure is a bit less than the projected figure of 2450.

The Appomattox Primary School has an enrollment of 497; Elementary School 673, Middle School 421, and the Appomattox County High School 794.

Mrs. Henrietta Johnson was named official delegate of the Appomattox County School Board to the 1984 Annual Convention October 3 through 5 at the Hotel Roanoke.

Local couple has odd experience

Timmy and Jeanette Moore were doing some yard work around noon last Thursday when they hear someone calling for help from the James River, behind their home.

When they walked down to the riverbank, their eyes met a bizarre sight. There, stranded on the rocks of the river, was a vessell which "looked like Noah's ark," according to Jeanette.

What they saw was not an ark, but a "batteau," (French for "boat"), which had left Lynchburg Tuesday on a trip to Scottsville. The boat's crew, which hails from Columbia on the James river, built the craft as a replica of the boats which traversed the James River from Richmond to Lynchburg in the 1800s.

The boat, captained by James Ayers, had a hard time of it from the start. Soon after launching at Lynchburg, the Batteau got hung up near an old mill dam at Mt. Athos. The going did not get any easier as the boat entered the Appomattox County stretch of the river.

"We heard someone yelling for help on the river," Jeanette recalls. "When we got down there was this strange-looking boat stuck on the rocks.

"They called over and asked my husband if he could swim. He went out and helped them rock the boat off the rocks," she adds.

The boat, which is 40 feet long and weighs approximately two tons, was stuck nine miles upstream from Bent Creek.

"It looked like they tried to get down the wrong side of the river," Jeanette says. "The deepest water in the stretch where they were hung up was only 2½ or three feet."

It took about 45 minutes, but Timmy and the batteau's four crew members finally freed the craft, and it made its way slowly toward its destination in Scottsville where it arrived Sunday.

The crew planned to take the boat to Columbia in Fluvanna County in time to bring it back to Lynchburg for the Kaleidoscope celebration Sept. 21-30.

"We see a lot of strange things on the river," Jeanette says. "But we've never seen anything quite like this."

The Batteau's crewmen apparently did not realize that the river would be so low at this time of the year, Jeanette adds. "They kept asking when it was supposed to rain, when there would be more water in the river."

Jeanette says she took numerous photographs of the vessel for her father-in-law, Alfred "Buster" Moore. "He remembers when the batteau's were used for hauling tobacco up and down the river around here," she notes.

R. D. Robinson dies

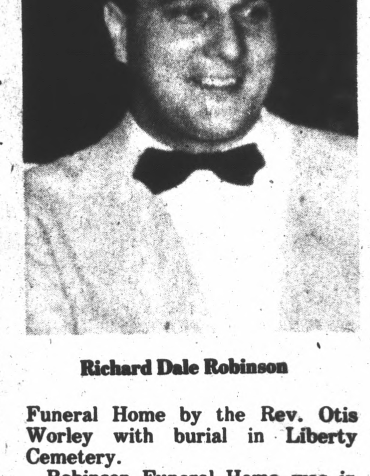
Richard Dale Robinson, 67, of 207 Collington Drive, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 1984 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Warrenton, he was the son the late William Edward Robinson and Essie Jane Mittong Robinson. He was a graduate of Gupton-Jones College in Nashville, Tenn., a licensed funeral director in Virginia and was founder and former owner and manager of Robinson Funeral Home in Appomattox. He was a former mayor of Appomattox, a World War II Army veteran, member and past commander of American Legion Post #104, and a member of the Woodmen of the World and Lynchburg Elks Lodge #321. He was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah Dobbins Robertson Robinson, a daughter, Mrs. Bobby (Betty Dale) Phelps, Lynchburg; a son, Richard Donald Robinson, Appomattox; a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth R. Davila, Richmond; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday from Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Otis Worley with burial in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Richard Dale Robinson

Peggy Marshall wins grid contest

Peggy Marshall emerged victorious in the first of the Times-Virginian's ten football contests last week, accurately predicting the outcomes of all of the college and high school games in the contest.

Mrs. Marshall edged out a host of competitors in the popular annual contest, including nine contestants who tied for second place.

In the contest tiebreaker, James Pillow, Jr., was declared winner, when it was determined that his score predictions for the Appomattox and VPI games were closest to the actual scores of the games. The nine contestants in the tiebreaker, all of whom missed one game each, included Pillow, Mitch Eggleston, Carolyn Thompson, J. Hannon Wilson, Curtis T. Mayberry, Jr., Tony Martin, Tom Cobb, Johnny Cole and David Bohannon.

For the clarity of their crystal balls, Mrs. Marshall and Pillow will receive $20 and $10, respectively, from the newspaper and the contest sponsors.

The contest continues this week, on page 7 in the sports section.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Seasonable weather, I would say. Thermometers in the low 40's Monday morning and one report of upper 30's. Leaves are falling and the raking season has begun. Autumn starts Saturday. How's the woodpile, fuel supply? A bit old-fashioned, I refer to the new season as Fall, and start it with a capital letter. Thicker the sweater the better.

ACHS teams play away from home this week. Varsity footballers at Altavista. Same for Junior varsity. Girls basketball team at Jefferson Forest. Let's have a winning streak.

A large Jaybird has been patronizing my windowside bird feeder and that explains why it was empty this morning.

Have collected six decorative gourds thus far and will varnish them so they'll keep, maybe a year.

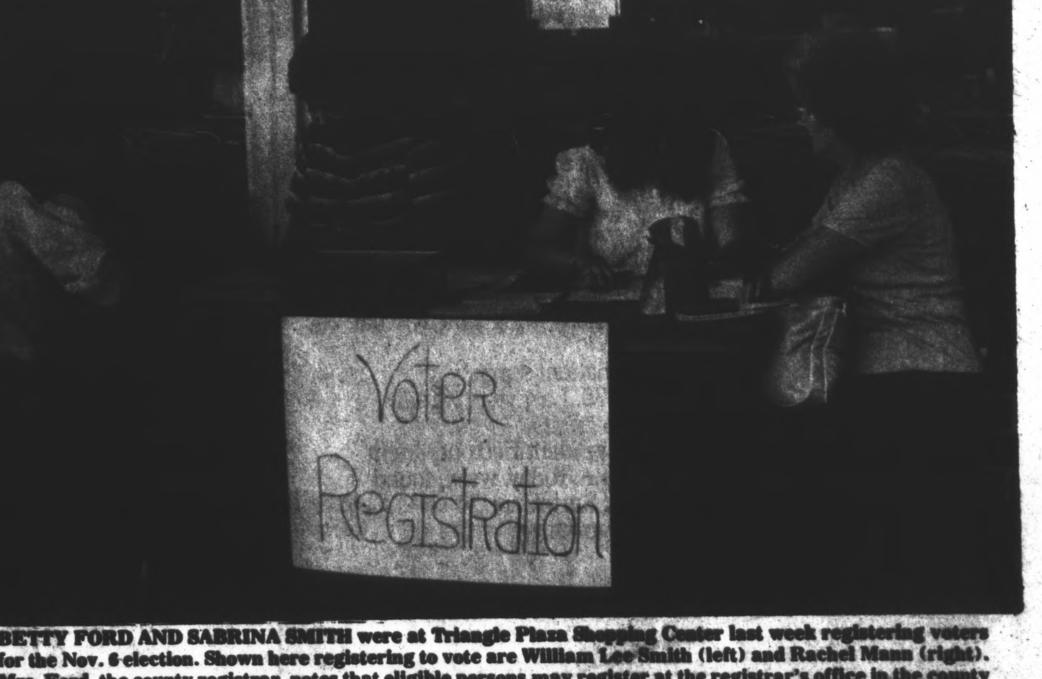
Appomattox's Kevin Ferguson had a good game Saturday as starting quarterback for the U. of Va. football team. Suggest that a scrapbook be kept of his career. Saturday, against VMI, Ferguson completed 15 of 25 passes for 273 yards and three touchdowns. His 273 yards set a record for a Virginia Sophomore and the sixth best game total in the school's history. Football is a rough game and were I a player would want to be strapped between two double bed mattresses. And it is an exciting game. Look at some of the close scores, often deciding the outcome in the last few seconds. Like Slippery Rock 17, Millersville 16; William and Mary 23, Delaware 21; Salisbury 34, Randolph-Macon 33; Maryville 13, Hampden-Sydney 12. And in pro football: St. Louis 34, Minneapolis 33 (at the buzzer).

Have a book on Trivia. The name of the little dog listening to His Master's Voice was Nipper. And the name of the doctor who delivered the Dionne Quints was Dafoe. And the smallest and oldest republic in the world is San Marino. The star closest to Earth? The Sun.

Time for the annual Railroad Festival, Main Street, Appomattox, is nearing. Invite someone.

Saturday, Sept. 15, was not a local holiday, but it marked the anniversary of my arrival in Appomattox (1931) to become editor and publisher of this newspaper.

One of the fine things about a town our size is that we speak to those we meet on the street, in stores, etc, whether we know their names or not. Proud to be known as a friendly place to be. Thanks for reading, and seeya around Growing Appomattox.



BETTY FORD AND SABRINA SMITH were at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center last week registering voters for the Nov. 6 election. Shown here registering to vote are William Lee Smith (left) and Rachel Mann (right). Mrs. Ford, the county registrar, notes that eligible persons may register at the registrar's office in the county courthouse complex from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays until Oct. 6. In addition, voter registration booths will be at the Stonewall Precinct from 5 to 9 p.m. Sept. 20, at the Appomattox Town Office from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 28, and at Triangle Plaza from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 29.

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